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As parents and grandparents we are concerned about the increase in sensationalistic talk shows, violent cartoons, and adult sitcoms that are readily accessible to young children. These programs introduce a child to a world of violence, immorality, and dissatisfaction.

We know that broadcasters have the talent to create children's shows which are educational as well as entertaining. Broadcast television can play an unprecedented role in nourishing the minds of our nation's children. The 1974 FCC Policy states, "There are many imaginative and exciting ways in which the medium can be used to further a child's understanding of a wide range of areas: history, science, literature, the environment, drama, music, fine arts, human relations, other cultures and languages, and basic skills such as reading and mathematics which are crucial to a child's development."

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No other regulatory body is in a position to make this happen. Please ... America's children are counting on you.

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